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VIA ELECTRONIC FILING

Ms. Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 Twelfth Street, SW
Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: **Notice of Ex Parte**, *Establishing the Digital Opportunity Data Collection*,
WC Docket No. 19-195, *Modernizing the FCC Form 477 Data Program*,
WC Docket No. 11-10, *Modernizing the E-Rate Program for Schools and*
Libraries, RM-11841, WC Docket No. 13-184, CC Docket No. 02-6

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On Tuesday, August 6, 2019, Lee Chambers, Chief Executive Officer of Sandhill Communications, LLC ("Sandhill") and his counsel, Molly O'Connor and the undersigned with Herman & Whiteaker, LLC, met with Preston Wise, Special Counsel to Chairman Ajit Pai of the Federal Communications Commission ("FCC" or "Commission"). During the meeting, Mr. Chambers expressed support for the Commission's broadband mapping initiative in the *Establishing the Digital Opportunity Data Collection* proceeding. The parties discussed the potential drawbacks of the "crowdsourcing" proposal in rural communities where such a process may impose additional burdens on rural operators. Moreover, Mr. Chambers urged the Commission to use the data collected by USAC and the FCC to ensure that federal funds are not used to overbuild existing fiber networks constructed with USF dollars. Specifically, Mr. Chambers noted eliminating overbuild and waste in the E-Rate program or other federal funding programs should be a top priority of the Commission and USAC as part of the data collection proceeding.

Pursuant to Section 1.1206(b) of the Commission's Rules, we are filing this letter electronically in the above-captioned dockets. Please contact the undersigned if you have any questions.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "D. L. Herman, Jr.", with a long, sweeping horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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